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Applicant : Thomas H. Barrows et al.

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RESPONSE

In response to the action mailed February 28, 2001, please amend the application as follows:

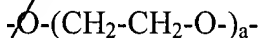
In the claims:

Amend claims 1, 15, 17, 37, 71, 103, 138, 163, 180, 183, 194, 195, 212, 215, 225, 242, 245, 258, 268, 269, 270, 275, 278, 290, 318, 321, 332, 351, 354, 382, 385, 409, 410, 411, 416, 419, and 431 as follows.

1. (Twice amended) An adhesive composition consisting essentially of
- i) a first aqueous mixture of about 20-60 wt/vol % serum albumin in about 0.01-0.25 molar buffer at a pH in a range of about 8.0-11.0,
  - ii) a second aqueous mixture of about 50-800 mg/ml of a crosslinking agent having a molecular weight in a range of about 1,000-15,000, wherein the crosslinking agent is of the formula



wherein -PEG- is a diradical fragment represented by the formula



where a is an integer from 20-300;

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